# ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT GETS CONTRACT EXTENSION

by MARGARET E. O'KELLEY
At the January 23 Township
Board meeting the Board
approved a new contract for
the Administrative Assistant
to end November 20, 2004.
The approval was by a vote of
five to one.

Trustee Adkins was the lone dissenter.

Since both the Supervisor and the Police Chief expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the employee you would think the approval would have been smooth sailing. However, considerable discussion took place because several significant additions were added to the previous contract. In typical fashion, the Supervisor failed to present the changes ahead of time and simply relied on the new contract being placed on the agenda and in the Board materials.

Because of this lack of communication, considerable debate had to take place.

Following Police Chief Metzger's presentation, Trustee Adkins asked the Police Chief about "compensation time" taken by the assistant when she works overtime. The Chief responded that the assistant never takes all the time that is due her.

Adkins went on to point out that "significant changes"

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were placed in the new contract and she expressed her concerns over them. She was particularly concerned about the omission of no expiration date to the contract. The current contract was for one year ending January 28, 2002.

In response to the deletion of an expiration date Chief Metzger said the contract had "at will" language and could be terminated by either party at any time.

Adkins also expressed concern about a raise from \$36,000 to \$40,000 and pegged it correctly as an 11-percent raise. "It is strange to me" that the annual adjustment for the general staff office was 5-percent yet an 11-percent raise was proposed for the Assistant.

She went on to say that the Assistant rate of pay exceeded the rate of pay of the other employees including the Deputy Clerk and the Deputy Treasurer. She added ,the rate of pay "exceeds employees that have been with the Township for 25-30 years."

Adkins concluded her remarks by stating she also did not like the "no reduction in benefits" clause that was added to the new contract.

Supervisor Mitchell responded to the \$4,000 raise by stating the Assistant does work that was formerly done by two people. He saw this as a savings. He pointed out that the two former employees had a salary of \$36,000 and \$32,000 and with fringes added the total came to over \$90,000. According to his math this was a savings.

Clerk Bowers pointed out to trustee Adkins that she (Adkins) approved the first contract and that contract made the Assistant higher paid than the office staff. She expressed that she was "puzzled" why Adkins would now raise this concern.

Adkins responded that she was objecting to the 11-percent raise on top of that.

Trustee O'Kelley suggested that the Supervisor "go back to the drawing board" and reconsider the 11-percent raise and adding an expiration date to the contract.

Treasurer Baron repeated the remarks of the Supervisor when he echoed the thought that the Assistant was doing the work of two positions.

O'Kelley responded by questioning the Supervisor and Treasurer's thinking in this regard. He seemed to suggest that the correct argument was that one of the two positions were never needed. He also objected to the lack of an

expiration date.

Regarding the lack of an expiration date, the Supervisor suggested that he would be willing to add an expiration date that would expire at the end of his current term of office.

Despite this suggestion, Trustee Carey made a motion to accept the contract as presented and Treasurer Baron supported it. O'Kelley quickly asked the the motion be amended to expire at the end of the Supervisor's term of office. He said, "This is dangerous to approve an openended contract." He said "at will" language in a contract is worthless but harmless.

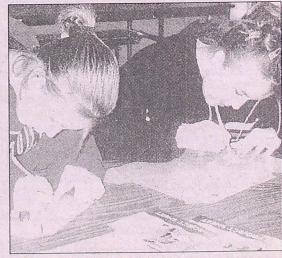
The motion was amended to allow the contract to expire on November 20, 2004, and the Board approved the new contract.

# C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. GO MICHAEL

by MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. 'club used their attistic talents and their great imaginations together to create some spectacular sculptures. The January class had each member selecting their favorite subject from the various books available. Of course, when the creative juices started flowing and well who needed a pattern to follow. They added their own special touches to make some very ingenious designs.





(LEFT) JOBY SHOWS OFF HIS GREAT CREATION, WHILE (ABOVE) (L-R) NICKY AND ANTOINETTE WORK ON THEIR CRAFTS.

## Calendar PARALANA

#### Feb. 13-Mar. 31

St. Paul's in New Boston will hold the following Lenten Services: Feb. 13 - Ash Wed., with Holy Communion, p.m.; Feb. 20-27, Mar. 6, Mar. 13, Mar. 20 services start at 7 p.m.; Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. with Holy Communion; Mar. 29 Good Friday 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. with Holy Communion; Mar. 31 Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. both with Holy Communion.

#### February 14

The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. February class has always been dedicated to the education of cultural history. The club will learn about the American Indian history and culture. Febraury 14, 7-8 p.m. (Jr. Directors 6:30) high school cafeteria.

#### Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

#### Monthly Meetings

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Assoc iation meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. In August the meeting will be held at the concession stand. Beginning in September meetings will be held in the Junior High Library. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on the following dates: Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High S school, Room 134.. Call 654-3781 for info.

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Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

#### Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs of each month at the Samual Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

#### Senior Citizens

The Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call the Senior Director for additional information.

Pam Carpenter is the Senior Director and may be reached at

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Linda (Cricket) Thompson serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

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#### CITY OF FLAT ROCK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 7, 2002 - MARCH 29, 2002

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4	Recreation Committee	5:30 p.m.
4	Downtown Development Authority	7 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	
	Zoning Board of Appeals	
18	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Beautification Committee	
25	Planning Commission	7:30 p.m.
	TIFA Meeting	
28	Library Board of Directors	7 p.m.
28	Historic Preservation Committee	
29	Good Friday (City Offices Closed)	HOLIDAY
*	Cable Commission	

NOTE: South Huron Valley Wastewater Control System Meetings are scheduled for January 16, February 20 and March 20, 2002, 10 a.m. at Brownstown Township Hall.

\*Indicates to be determined

# SED MUNICIPAL FACIL

The Weekly

The Weekly in its January 17 edition introduced the proposed new municipal facilities to the readers. We hope to provide weekly installments of information to assist the citizens in making an informed decision regarding the matter. We also encourage the citizens the Capitol view Committee's Improvement report on local access Channel

As our third installment we present the remaining phases to be completed by Plante Moran Cresa as the project moves forward. Much of the anticipated work will depend on the successful passage of the bond issue.

#### PHASE IV: ASSEMBLE CONSTRUCTION TEAM.

· Evaluate alternative project delivery and contractor selection methods to determine the most effective approach for project.

· Identify appropriate general contractors in the Detroit area, and draft and deliver Request for Information.

· Pre-qualify contractors through evaluation of comparable work experience, staff credentials, reference checks, financial credibility and any prior relationship with HCT.

· Prepare general conditions for contract in connection with HCT to ensure that all HCT's terms and conditions are

included in contract.

 Assist in preparation of bid package(s) and/or in a negotiated selection process

· Coordinate the distribution of bid packages to selected contractors.

· Participate in pre-bid con-

Analyze contractor bids and qualifications; prepare spreadsheet with recommendations for HCT's review.

 Provide recommendation as to which contractor should be used for the project.

· Coordinate and provide leadership on all related documentation, including construction contracts, and present to HCT's attorney for final review and approval.

PHASE V: MANAGE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

Monitor construction work

and/or budget to ensure that HCT's needs are met, if applic-

· Participate as necessary in weekly job meetings for progress and budget updates.

· Review written monthly report of progress and status of project including invoice summary, cash flow summary, change order summary and saving/contingency summary.

· Review all change order requisitions, prepare analysis and recommendations for HCT's approval.

· Maintain project budget and comparison with expenditures to date.

· Perform job observations as necessary to evaluate construction progress, adherence to project plans and specifications, and assist in resolving field problems and disputes in the most economical and expeditious manner possible.

· Review invoices for work in place, materials stored on site, payments made to date, confirmation of payments to subcontractors from previous month's invoices, accuracy of mathematics to avoid advance payment and abuse of invoice process.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

#### PHASE VI: CLOSE-OUT PROJECT.

· Conduct similar evaluation/selection process, as outlined in Phase II, for furniture procurement and move management vendors.

· Coordinate the furniture delivery and move in process.

· Assist architect to determine d ate of substantial completion and development of

punch list items, which require completion and/or correction.

 Monitor the procurement of proper documents from general contractor including warranties, final release of liens, as built plans, operation and maintenance manuals.

· Assist HCT in procuring any necessary documentation from architect and contractor to ensure HCT's accountant's and/or attorney's audit requirements are properly met in a timely manner.

· Coordinate start-up orientation and operation demonstrations of all systems with building maintenance person-

· Conduct post occupancy evaluation.

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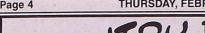


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As our teens grow up and move on to the high school scene, we inexperienced parents are faced with an array of new problems. Teens being teens, start becoming more independent as they believe they know how to solve all the problems life deals them. They are suddenly confronted with decisions regarding their identity, alcohol, drugs, sexual behavior, etc. Any good parent knows that this is the time that they need our guidance the most and we all know that this is the time they appreciate it the least. Could anyone of us live with a clear conscience if we received a phone call from the police announcing that our child has been arrested for alcohol or drug involvement? Worse yet, how would we live with the guilt of our children being found dead at the scene of a drunk driving accident, after not offering the guidance they so desperately need from us right now?

Personally, we are frightened of what is out there in front of our children. We will do anything and enlist any help we possibly can to show our children how to distinguish right from wrong. The local authorities have rules in place to help us accomplish that.

Did you know that there is a local ordinance that specifically addresses open house parties for example? Any adult who knowingly allows such a party while they are in control of the dwelling can be cited. That is a misdemeanor. Just imagine what could happen if you allow teen boys, teen girls, alcohol and drugs to come together in one place. Myself, I think that is a recipe for disaster. Did you know that if your child is caught purchasing, in possession, or transportation of alcohol that they can be cited for a misdemeanor and there are fines involved?

We have a great resource right in our school. Our hats go off to Officer Nickrand and his fellow officers who are more than willing to help us. It's time we enlist them to lend their professional assistance in guiding our teens in the right direction. We have personally been involved with Officer Nickrand. He is a wonderful asset to our youths, but we are limiting his capabilities unless we are willing to work together with him and his colleagues. Together we can make a difference. We will finish with a quote from Officer Nickrand: There is strength in numbers!" We are part of the numbers. Are you?

> Linda and Dan Spangler

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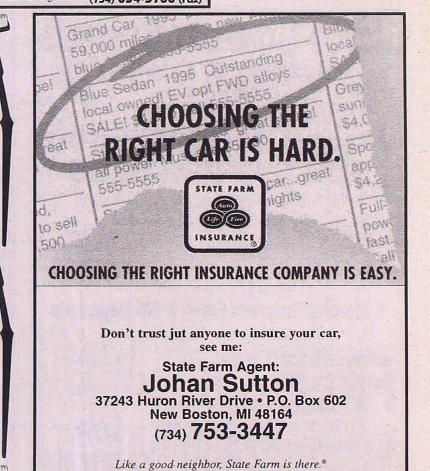
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Sixth Grade: Katelyn Bullard, Brandon Cutcher\*, Jon Guy, Chris Heineman\*, Amanda Kon-



I am sure that most of you out there are really tired of listening to the bickering at the Huron Township Board meetings. I know I am. I sit there week after week to gather information for my articles and on top of that I watch them an additional two or three times on cable (Channel 18) just to make sure my information is correct.

I have heard every whine, complaint, insult, and personal attack at least once and the problem seems so easily solved. The solution in a nutshell: If every Board Member were given EQUAL information in a TIMELY manner so that they would be able to make an INFORMED decision I firmly believe the bickering would stop. The chronic complaint seems to be that they do not receive all the information prior to the Board meetings and there are several items requiring a vote added to the agenda at the last moment.

I have been attending Flat Rock City Council meetings beginning November 2001 and have yet to see a last-minute item added to the agenda.

arske, Kaitlyn McEachran, Eric Miller, Brad Puchalsky, Michael Solano\*

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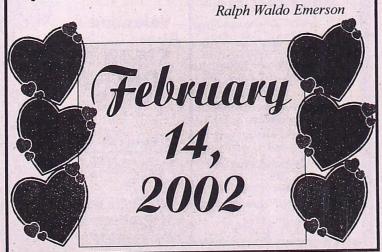
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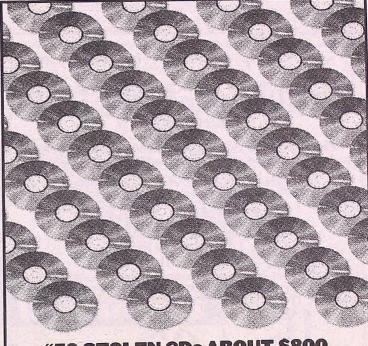
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#### Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb. 19

Storm passes. Another on the horizon. Children need discipline of different nature. Fallen limbs remain on ground with memories of youthful days. Plan outing on ocean with one you love. Lucky

#### Pisces Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Warmth found in unusual places, not near fireplace. Time spent alone, always good. Prepare meal with children while await special guest. Release anger and make plans to move on with your life. Lucky #3710.

#### Avies March 21 - April 20

Recent storm reminds you you can't control life's events. Flood dreams with well-lit lantern. Be leery of those who hold you back. Ask questions of those with answers but look to the book for truth. Luckv #5493.

#### Taurus April 21 - May 21

Family gathers once again to search for answers. Reports sketchy. Adult male enters life through back door as watchful eyes see all. Last chance to play in single-state and chance and chance to play in single-state and chance and chance to play in single-state and chance and ch follows gloomy days. Ask permission for love? Lucky #8684.

#### Gemini May 22 - June 21

You run with eyes wide shut. Possibly time to focus on those important in your life? Future losses not to be replaces

Ask soul mate for time alone. Plan outing

#### Cancer June 22 - July 23

Snow comes. Melts heart. Children play. Life seems to go on without pause Look out window to see what is passing you buy. Foreign car in yard may signal future events. food supply low. Lucky

#### Leo July 24 - August 23

Deliver message in person. Look directly into eyes of one you love. But laughter at wrong moment may cause stress. Walk past unseen dangers slowly alert others soon. Lucky #7617

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23
Responsibilities mount. Find final decisions easier to make. Allow children to jump on bed. May be time you did, too Be pleasant to co-workers with sparkling eyes. You may see the future there. Lucky #1692.

#### Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Parents seem unrealistic but ask to help with their needs. Be cautious. Unwanted company lets cat out of the bag. Litter box too full. Play games hard but with skill Luck #1814 but with skill. Lucky #1814.

#### Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Friends come. Friends go. True friends can never be replaced. Take step in time to search for los memories. Late charges need be prevented. As piper looks to col

William Grover

lect. Take pride in test results. Lucky #1963.

#### Saggittarius Nov. 23 - Dec 21

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1/2 tsp. dried Mint - crushed

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Combine all ingredients in a non-metal container. Marinate chops from 4 hours to overnight, in refrigerator. Grill or broil to desired doneness. Serve with red skin potatoes or rice pilaf.

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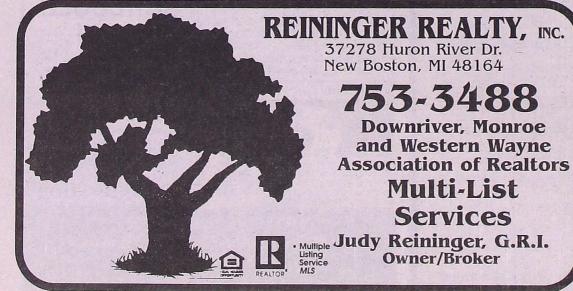
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